

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Reporting Period: 8/22/2005 - 9/30/2005

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Project Description:

FWP received authority to hire 2.00 FTE as Regional Investigators to increase the ability of the department to investigate and prosecute wildlife crimes. This project is designed to track the progress of the implementation of these positions.

Amount Appropriated		Amount Spent
2006	\$120,000	\$ 6,967
2007	\$110,000	0

Source of Funding:

General License Account (02409)

Intended Outcome(s):

Hiring two regional investigators dedicated to addressing organized wildlife crime will allow wardens focus on their regular field duties, increase the time spent investigating in wildlife crimes, and create a network to collect criminal intelligence.

Performance Measurement Criteria

1. FWP will track the total number of investigations by misdemeanor vs. felony; commercial vs. non-commercial; violations charged vs. violations detected; and the amount of time spent by the investigators assisting field wardens with investigations.
2. FWP will track the amount of time spent by the investigators coordinating investigations with other agencies, i.e. the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, the BLM, the Board of Outfitters, the Department of Revenue, etc.
3. Regional investigators will investigate/coordinate residency violations based on the merge of ALS data with Department of Revenue data. FWP will track the number of license fraud cases made as a result of the merge and the number of individuals referred to the Department of Revenue for income tax residency investigations.
4. FWP will track the commercial wildlife inspections completed by the investigators on taxidermists, game processors, fur dealers, game farms, etc.
5. FWP will track the amount of criminal intelligence reports submitted and the number of interviews with subjects and informants.
6. FWP will track the amount of time spent by the investigators attending and conducting specialized investigative training courses.

Significant Milestones

	Target	Completed
Job Announcement Posted	6/15/2005	6/14/2005
Start Date of Potential Employees	9/15/2005	8/22/2005

Performance Indicators

	Sep-05		
	R-3	R- 5	Total
1 Violations Detected	22	32	54
Violations Charged	11	14	25
Hours spent assisting wardens	1	50	51
2 Hours spent assisting Other Agencies	8	22	30
3 Number of license fraud cases	5	3	8
Number of referrals to Dept of Rev	0	1	1
4 Commercial wildlife inspections	1	0	1
5 Criminal intelligence reports submitted	0	3	3
Interviews conducted w/subjects	16	4	20
Interviews conducted w/informants	3	3	6
5 Trainings attended	0	4	4
Trainings conducted	0	0	0

Narrative Description of Activities:Region 3 Investigator

- * Fishing Outfitter case, fishing with 2 clients while river was closed to fishing.
- * Worked on 5 different residency cases, one completed, other 4 continue investigations.
- * Mountain lion case, killed in Montana by Idaho subject, taken back to Idaho and trophied (ID season open), working with Idaho investigator.
- * Elkhorn trophy bull elk case (scores 381), tag transfer, killed without permit, unlawful possession. One of the subjects involved also killed elk in '03 & '04 while privledges were revoked duplicated 05 elk tag after already killing elk.

Region 5 Investigator

- * Met with USFWS agent for case mgt. excersises, training, intel exchange
- * Responded to Columbus district calls: game damage, trespass, assorted calls
- * Fike case follow up interviews
- * Hughes case follow up interviews illegally taken/sold Mtn Lion- ongoing intel
- * Met with R-5 wardens intel exchange, assistance, CIS intel forwarding
- * Cold Case - Pronghorn Ranch interview, evidence. Assistance of USFWS agents from MT, WY & WY F&G. Case made, citations issued, evidence gathered.
- * Attended Sand Cr. meeting - information exchange BLM, Fergus Co.S.O.,USFWS

LFD Comment(s)

- * New hires were in the field prior to target date.
- * FY 2005 data is being summarized to use as a benchmark against reported numbers to document incremental changes associated with hiring of RI positions.
- * Not all detected violations have been charged as of the reporting date. If they are charged at a later date it will appear on the next report.
- * Shortened reporting period due to hire date.